

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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## News Items

December 1999 capped off a very slow year in terms of press interest in UFOs, and this trend continues into the first quarter of 2000 with only slight improvement. The Fund office was contacted by The Discovery Channel, which is working on a UFO documentary, and by a California freelance writer, who was interested in the French COMETA report.

Three UFO incidents came to the Fund's attention during December.

1. An AP story from China regarding numerous sightings over several Chinese cities. The *New York Times* carried a front page article on this UFO activity in China. Otherwise, the press took little notice.
2. An airline sighting was received from Bob Durant regarding an object seen by both Lufthansa and British Airways pilots over the Long Island, N.Y., area on November 17, 1995.
3. An apparent North Carolina angel hair sample is now in a researcher's possession. Analysis of this item is being arranged and supervised by CUFOS.

The Fund disseminated a news release in January that covered both the recent Chinese UFO sightings and the COMETA Report, but received little response from the press.

## COMETA Report

The Fund's English translation of the COMETA Report has been reviewed by the French Committee for In-Depth Studies, resulting in an authorized English version. The Fund has been given permission to disseminate the report. Current plans call for eventual distribution of 25-30 copies, in consultation with CUFOS, to carefully chosen recipients, including individuals in government, the press, and the scientific community. The COMETA members desire to find a commercial publisher for the report, and the Fund is attempting to assist them.

## Mid-Atlantic MUFON Conference

Bruce Maccabee is planning a Mid-Atlantic MUFON Conference for May 6, 2000, in College Park, MD., and the Fund will underwrite the event, as it has done in the

past. The speakers are as follows: Dr. Peter Resta, Dr. David Jacobs, Richard Hall, Susan Swiatek, Rob Swiatek, Allison Reed, and Bruce Maccabee. A seminar for investigators will be held in the morning, and talks will be held in the afternoon and evening.

## Publications

Aurora Press is planning to reissue an updated version of Richard Hall's *Uninvited Guests*.

Jan Aldrich send the Fund a large number of documents on the enigmatic "ghost rockets" seen over Scandinavian countries shortly after World War II ended. There is sufficient material for a new publication.

Fund board member Dr. David Gotlib has put all of the *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience* onto a CD-ROM. The CD-ROM can be obtained by sending \$20.00 (includes shipping) to him at 79 Hilton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R3E8. His e-mail is: dgotlib@sympatico.ca.

The Coalition's (CUFOS, FUFOR, and MUFON) *Best Available Evidence* will not only be published by Dell Publishing Company but will also be placed on Joe Firmage's web site in its entirety. Firmage has paid the Coalition for the rights to do so.

The *UFO Evidence II* has been submitted to the publisher, Scarecrow Press. Publication date is not known at this time.

Richard Hall is doing the final editing of the Fund's issue paper on the impact of the confirmation of ET's on society.

## Web Site Activity

At the end of February, the Fund's web site was updated with old material deleted and some existing text revised. Plans continue to be discussed to upgrade the entire site.

## Grant Proposals

The Spanish Anomaly Foundation, whose Universitas Scholarship the Fund partially underwrites for \$300 per year, has requested an increase to \$500 per year. The Executive Committee agreed to provide \$500 per year.